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Interview Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

MONTUNO ET AL.

Examiner

Frank Duong

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Frank Duong.

(3) _____.

(2) Mr. John Know.

(4) _____.

Date of Interview: 27 September 2004.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☐ No.

If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1.

Identification of prior art discussed: Srinivasan (Article).

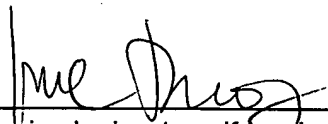
Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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Examiner's signature, if required

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Mr. Knox analyzes the claimed limitations a) and b) of claim 1 and asserts the Srinivasan fails to disclose the claimed limitation of "producing a Prefix Bit Array (PNBA) having a plurality of bit positions corresponding to possible bit combinations of a bit string having a length equal to or less than the longest predetermined code in .. bit combinations". Mr. Knox gives a detail explanation of how to read the disputed claim limitation in view of the drawings of Figures 4 and 5. Examiner respectfully points out how the Srinivasan was read on the claimed limitation and asserts, in the present condition, the claim is still anticipated by Srinivasan. Examiner informs Mr. Knox due to the claim not drafted in a means/steps plus function, it is subjected to Examiner's broadest interpretation of existing prior art in consisting with the specification. Mr. Knox is advised to further amend the claim to exclude the Srinivasan's prefix expansion and prefix capturing techniques from reading on the claimed invention. Upon receiving Mr. Knox's response, everything will be reconsidered in view of the interview. No agreement was reach.